

NEW HAVEN
CONFERENCE
UNDER WAY

Joint Committee of the Men Meet the Representatives of the System to Discuss Plans.

STRIKE IS NOT EXPECTED.

Men Are Jubilant Over the Point Already Won by Which the Company Decided to Hear the Case Impartially Stated.

(Special to The Evening World.)
NEW HAVEN, March 17.—The thirty-nine members of the Joint Grievance Committee of Conductors and Trainmen of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company went into conference this afternoon with President John M. Hall and the committee of officials appointed by the board of directors of the road to treat with them.

The men did not march to the place of meeting in a body, but went in twos and threes and conducted themselves in an orderly manner. As soon as they had entered the directors' chamber, and their chairman, C. S. Brigham, and Frank E. Keenan, announced the entire committee present, the doors were closed and all outsiders were refused admission.

The grand officers of the trainmen and conductors' national bodies took stations across the street from the offices of the company, in the Garde Hotel, so as to be in position to give immediate advice, should they be called upon to do so.

"There is every reason to expect a settlement," said National Officer Fitzpatrick just prior to the conference.

No Trouble Feared Now.
"We have never expected anything else but a settlement," was the only comment of President John M. Hall.

The grievance committee of thirty-nine men met to-day in the rooms in the Insurance Building with National Officers Wilkins and Fitzpatrick. The plans of the grievance committee were thoroughly outlined when the committee went into conference with the committee of railroad officials. The conference was held in the office of President John M. Hall. Director Charles F. Choate, First Vice-President William D. Bishop, Second Vice-President William F. Merrill and President Hall represented the company.

The employees' committees were introduced by F. E. Keenan, of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and C. S. Brigham, of Boston, of the Order of Railway Conductors. None except members of the committee was present.

GIRL HURT AT PLAY.

Run Over by Horse and Wagon in Front of Her Home.
Katie Kavan, five years old, was run over by a horse and wagon while playing in front of her home, No. 114 First avenue, to-day, and seriously injured. She was removed to the Presbyterian hospital. The driver, Albert Steiner, was locked up.

IRISHMEN IN
PARADE FEEL
LOW'S SLIGHT

Mayor Was Expected to Ride at the Head of the Procession, but He Suddenly Backed Out.

ACTIONS WAS UNEXPECTED.

But the Display, Nevertheless, Is the Greatest One on Such an Occasion Held in This City in Many Years.

SAINT AND PRINCE.
A—The Wearing of the Green.
Oh, Paddy dear, and did you hear the news that's going round?
His Honor was too busy to come out with us he found.
No more St. Patrick's day we'll keep, it is no use at all.
When the Mayor can't review us and be present at the ball.
Oh, the busy, busy Mayor.
Oh, the busy, busy Mayor.
Sure, who would envy him his job?
The busy, busy Mayor.

When Henry came from Germany there wasn't much to do.
The Mayor helped him launch his yacht that he could not attend to.
A change of some peculiar tinge has overcome him since—
But, sure, Patrick was a common saint, while Henry is a Prince.

Oh, the busy, busy Mayor.
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Sure, who would envy him his job?
The busy, busy Mayor.

Just as the big St. Patrick's Day parade was about to start up Fifth avenue this afternoon word was received from Mayor Low sending his regrets that he could not attend.

Standing this fact the parade lost none of its impressiveness, whatever may have been the feelings of the men in line.

It was the greatest St. Patrick's Day parade in the history of the city, and it is a question if the Mayor was really missed. Few appeared to take note of the fact that the carriage reserved for him at the head of the parade was barren of his presence.

The Arrangements Committee of the parade expected up to noon that the Mayor would review the procession. He had authorized Assistant Secretary Moran, of his office, to send word to the committee that he would be pleased to accept their invitation to take part in the celebration.

Suddenly Changed His Mind.
A sudden conviction that he was needed at the City Hall came upon the Mayor. He sent word to Dennis Hanlon, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, that the pressure of official business and important hearings on legislation would not permit him to ride at the head of the parade and review it at the entrance to Sulzer's Harlem River Park.

The pressing official business of which the Mayor spoke was not specified. The hearings on important legislation which he said required his presence had been fixed a long time ago and were on the calendar of events to come when he sent his acceptance.

In the hurry of the committee of preparation for the parade it was almost time for the parade to start. The other distinguished guests had arrived and had been escorted to their carriages by the various reception committees. The men who were to review the parade were ready to greet him when the messenger arrived with word that the press of official business would keep him downtown.

SCHWAB BACK
SAYS HEALTH
IS GOOD NOW

Returns on the Kronprinz Wilhelm, but Small-Pox in Steerage Delays Landing of Passengers.

GOV. FRANCIS IS BACK, TOO.

President of the St. Louis World's Fair Commission Returns with Promises of Foreign Support for Exposition.

With Charles M. Schwab, President of the United States Steel Corporation; ex-Secretary of the Interior David R. Francis, of Missouri, and a case of small-pox on board, the North German Lloyd steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm arrived in port this afternoon.

She was a trifle late. She arrived at Quarantine about 1.30 and preparations were made to receive the distinguished passengers at the North German dock, but when the health officers inspected her they found a case of small-pox in the steerage and this necessitated delay.

All the steerage passengers in the infected compartment were taken to Hoffman Island and that part of the ship was disinfected. Meantime none of the first cabin passengers was permitted to leave. The vessel did not reach her dock until almost dark.

Schwab's Search for Health.
Mr. Schwab has been abroad for months in an endeavor to regain his health, which was badly shattered by his manifold activities in the management of the Steel Trust and other big combinations of capital into which he plunged after he became the executive head of that great corporation. He refused to talk except to say that his health was good.

Mr. Francis has been abroad booming the St. Louis Louisiana Purchase World's Fair, and has been cheek by jowl with all the heads of the big European states.

"I feel," he said at Quarantine, "that I have been successful in my mission. I visited England and was granted a personal audience by King Edward, who expressed great interest in the fair and voluntarily offered all of the jewels and ornaments of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. Lord Lansdowne also assured me that England would put up a special building. In France President Loubet received me cordially. I was the guest at a dinner at which were present 500 representatives of many French industries expecting to exhibit at the fair."

"Spain is taking hold of the project enthusiastically, and I was assured by the Ministers of Agriculture and other departments in Madrid that they would give every assistance. In Germany I had a personal audience with Emperor William, who assured me that Germany would be well represented. He said he would send some of his own plate and other interesting exhibits."

"I went to Belgium last and was received by King Leopold, who also assured me of the intention of Belgium to be represented. He said he would be pleased to visit the fair, but feared that his duties and his advisors would prevent. Emperor William also said he would like to attend, but, of course, it would be too far for him home."

Dinner for Mr. Francis.
Mr. Francis is to be the guest of the Missouri Society, of this city, at the Waldorf Thursday night. Former President Cleveland, former Secretary of War Daniel S. Lamont and former Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle will be among the distinguished Easterners to welcome him. A big delegation of Missourians is expected from St. Louis by the steamer.

The steel man is accompanied by his wife, who has been with him during his absence. The Kronprinz had a fine passage. She brought 25 saloon, 25 second-cabin and 25 steerage passengers.

Mrs. E. L. Godkin, Dr. Horatio Pliner, Livingstone Roe, Jr., G. A. Armour, Mr. Bostock, Marvin, and J. W. Alexander of Wartensleben and J. W. Whitehouse were some of those on board.

This morning he left his wife and daughter at home while he went to the boat's dock. His son Frank was in the office. He went on board and asked for the engineer, Washington I. Hermande. First Mate Foster told him Hermande was on the upper deck. Capt. Holmes went up the gangway, and that was the last seen of him. Men were loading the Putnam, as she was to leave for New York at 2 o'clock to-day.

MRS. GERTRUDE PAINE, WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL WITNESS IN THE BURDICK INQUIRY TO-DAY.

DEAD IN CABIN
OF HIS STEAMER

Capt. Charles H. Holmes, Owner of the Gen. Putnam, Believed to Have Killed Himself as a Result of Worry Over Health.

BOAT PREPARING TO SAIL.

(Special to The Evening World.)
GREENWICH, Conn., March 17.—Capt. Charles H. Holmes was found dead this morning in the cabin of his steamer, the General Putnam, a bullet wound behind his right ear and a revolver, one chamber empty, by his side. It is believed to be suicide.

Capt. Holmes was about fifty-four years old and had spent most of his life on Long Island Sound. For many years he ran the steamer Maid of Kent from Pike street, New York. Last summer he sold her, had the new General Putnam brought from Wilmington and ran her daily. The boat cost a small fortune and the Captain took his son Frank into partnership.

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Four to Washington
via Pennsylvania Railroad March 18. Round trip rate \$14.50, including all expenses as usual. A three-day outing. * * *

GIRL OF 16 GONE,
MAN IS ARRESTED.

He Offered to Tell Parents Her Whereabouts for \$10, but Now Says She Has Eloped.

Annie Miller, sixteen years old, of No. 45 Suffolk street, disappeared from her home last Saturday. On the following day it is alleged that Max Meizer, of No. 21 Bridge street, called on the parents and offered to tell them the whereabouts of the missing girl for \$10. Last night Detectives Breen and Niebauer, of the DeAncey street station, arrested Meizer.

The detectives said that when Meizer was arrested he declared that all he knew about the girl was that she was married and had left the city with her husband. The parents said that Meizer visited the girl for two years before she disappeared. Since her disappearance the police and her parents have found no trace of her. Meizer was taken to the Essex Market Court to-day, held Meizer in default of \$2,000 bail for examination.

GREENE RETIRES
A FAT POLICEMAN.

Besides Obesity, Egan Suffers from Asthma and Varicose Veins and Weighs 345 Pounds.

Police Commissioner Greene to-day retired Policeman Jeremiah Egan, of the Second Precinct. The Board of Police Surgeons reported that Egan was no longer physically fit for police duty. He is suffering from Obesity, Asthma, Varicose veins, All contracted in the service of the city.

He weighs 345 pounds. He couldn't run around a block in two hours' time.

Morning, Noon and Night.
Pennsylvania Railroad trains leave for Chicago and St. Louis at convenient hours. Consult ticket agents for time tables and all information. * * *

BURDICK'S PARTNER SWEARS
THAT PENNELL CAUSED DEATH

BUFFALO, March 17.—Charles Park, business partner of Edwin L. Burdick, in continuing his testimony at the murder inquest this afternoon, declared that he was satisfied in his own mind that Arthur Pennell, the lawyer who was killed with his wife in an automobile a few days ago, caused the death of Burdick either in person or by hired assassin.

He declared that the motive was traceable to the divorce proceedings which Burdick brought against his wife. The inquest was then adjourned until 2 P. M. to-morrow.

LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.
Fourth Race—Ben Chance 1, Re Reszke 2, Marshal Neil 3.
Fifth Race—Nyx 1, Lady Brookway 2, Miss Shanley 3.

MRS. PAINE TELLS
OF HER MEETINGS
WITH BURDICK.

Wife of the Dentist, Whose Portrait Was Found in the Murdered Man's Room, Admits Many Conferences at Stores, Candy Shops and Restaurants in Her Testimony at the Buffalo Inquest.

HE TOLD HER HE HAD SUED WIFE
AND PUT THE BLAME ON PENNELL

Witness Says Burdick Visited Her Home When Mrs. Warren, of Whom He Was an Admirer, Was Her Guest, and Says Mrs. Pennell Told Her She Did Not Believe Gossip About Her Husband and Mrs. Burdick.

(Special to The Evening World.)
BUFFALO, N. Y., March 17.—Before a packed court room, Mrs. Gertrude Bernard Paine, wife of Dr. Seth Paine, friend of Edward L. Burdick, whose picture was found in his den and who at one time was under rigid police surveillance in connection with his death, took the stand at the resumption of the Burdick murder inquest this afternoon. Her examination went over the social relations of Burdick in the Elmwood Dancing Club at the Red Jacket Golf Club, out of which grew the scandals that resulted in Burdick's suit for divorce.

GREAT CROWD IN COURT.
A great crowd was in attendance. The street without was packed. The corridors of Police Headquarters were almost impassable. In the court room every seat was filled an hour before the inquest opened and the aisles were crowded. Many women were present, but the men—young men of the Elmwood set particularly—were in the majority. Mrs. Paine wore a shirt-waist of light blue silk, a dark skirt, a jacket of black cloth and a hat trimmed with fur. Her voice was that of a woman of refinement; her manner that of a well-poised woman of the world. She thoroughly understood the ordeal she was to go through and was prepared for it. There was a trace of weariness in her tones, betraying the distastefulness of the entire proceeding, but she held herself well in hand, betraying her inward struggle only by a frequent moistening of the lips and a dry cough. She paused to think before answering District Attorney Chatsworth's questions. Her testimony was as follows:

MRS. PAINE'S TESTIMONY.
Q. How long have you lived at No. 428 Elmwood avenue? A. Since last August.
Q. You were acquainted with Edwin L. Burdick? A. Yes, sir.
Q. How long? A. About four years.
Q. Where did you first meet him? A. At a dancing club.
Q. The Elmwood Dancing Club? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Were you a member of that club? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Did you meet Mrs. Burdick at the Elmwood Club after becoming acquainted with Mr. Burdick? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Did you ever call at Mr. Burdick's house? A. Yes, sir.
Q. And the Burdicks called at your home occasionally? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Was there a dinner or reception at the Burdick home the first time I called? A. No, sir.
Q. Did Burdick call at your house without his wife? A. No, sir.
Q. Did you call at his home alone? A. No, sir.
Q. You knew of his wife's leaving home in December? A. Yes, sir.
Q. He told you of it? A. He did.
Q. You have seen him frequently since that time? A. Not frequently.
Q. Where did you meet him? A. At the club.
Q. How often? A. Only once since December.
Q. Ever met him elsewhere? A. Downtown.
Q. By appointment? A. Well, hardly.
Q. How did you come to meet him? A. He telephoned to me.

WHERE SHE MET BURDICK.
Q. Where did he phone you to meet him? A. Once at Laing's candy store and once at a candy store near the Genesee Hotel.
Q. Ever met him any place else by appointment? A. Yes, at a restaurant near Main and Summer streets.
Q. What did he say then about Pennell? A. He seemed to feel very bad about Pennell having come in and broken up his family.
Q. Then he told you he blamed Pennell for breaking up his home? Did he tell you he had sent her away? A. No; he said: "Now you can understand why she is away."

Q. How long did this conversation last? A. About twenty minutes—possibly a little longer.
Q. What did he say about Pennell? A. He told me that gossip had been so persistent about the conduct of his wife that he had found it necessary to sue for a divorce, and that he had sufficient proof to obtain the divorce.
Q. Did Burdick ever ask you to see Mr. Pennell for him? A. No.
Q. Did he ever ask you to arrange a meeting between him and Pennell? A. No.
Q. Was anything more said about Pennell? A. Yes, he said Pennell had agreed to leave the city, but he did not believe he would.
Q. What did he tell you about the evidence? A. He did not tell me the value of the evidence, but said he had the evidence to secure a divorce.
Q. Do you remember meeting Mr. Burdick at J. N. Adams's store? A. Yes.
Q. Did you leave the store with him? A. No, we talked for awhile, then he went away and I returned to my shopping.
Q. About what time was this? A. Well, before the store closed.
Q. What did you talk of? A. I can't remember.
Q. You met him at J. N. Adams's several times? A. Yes, two or three times.
Q. Now for what purpose? A. Well, just to talk.
Q. When you met him at the restaurant did you dine with him? A. No.

WANTED TO TELL ABOUT HIS WIFE.
Q. Way did he send for you to meet him there? A. To tell me of the gossip about his wife.
Q. Did he send for any other ladies to tell them this gossip? A. I don't know.
Q. When did you last speak with Mr. Burdick? A. The day of his death.
Q. What was the occasion of your chat? A. He had called me up the day previously to ask if I knew where Pennell was. There was to be a dance of the Elmwood Club and he said if he knew the Pennells were not going he would like to go.